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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2015 No. 399**

**The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (Financial Assistance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

**Recovery of payment**

12.—(1) The Department may, by notice given to the applicant, require the repayment of all or any part of the financial assistance paid, if it is satisfied that—

- (a) the approved application in respect of which the payment of financial assistance was made, or any supporting information provided by the applicant in relation to it, contained information that was inaccurate or misleading;
- (b) any sum paid by way of financial assistance was used for any purpose other than the purpose for which it was paid; or
- (c) any condition subject to which the application was approved has not been or will not be complied with.

(2) A notice given under paragraph (1) must require the applicant to repay the sum specified in the notice within no less than 28 days from the date on which the notice is given.

(3) On the expiry of the period of 28 days referred to in paragraph (2), the Department may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to it, charge interest on the amount of any outstanding sum required to be repaid by a notice under paragraph (1) at the rate of 1% a year above the base lending rate of the Bank of England, accruing daily from the expiry of the period of 28 days.

(4) Where any sum, or part of the sum specified in a notice under paragraph (1) is not repaid within the period specified in the notice, the Department may recover such sum as remains outstanding together with interest as a civil debt.